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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

For: Method for the Production of Bacterial Toxins

LETTER RE CO-PENDING U.S. APPLICATION(S)

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP §2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following copending U.S. application(s):

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is (are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002, enclosed are:

- 1) Response to Restriction Requirement;
- 2) Petition and Fee for One-Month Extension of Time;
- 3) Preliminary Amendment;
- 4) Letter re Co-Pending U.S. Application;
- 5) Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449; and
- 6) Post Card Receipt.

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